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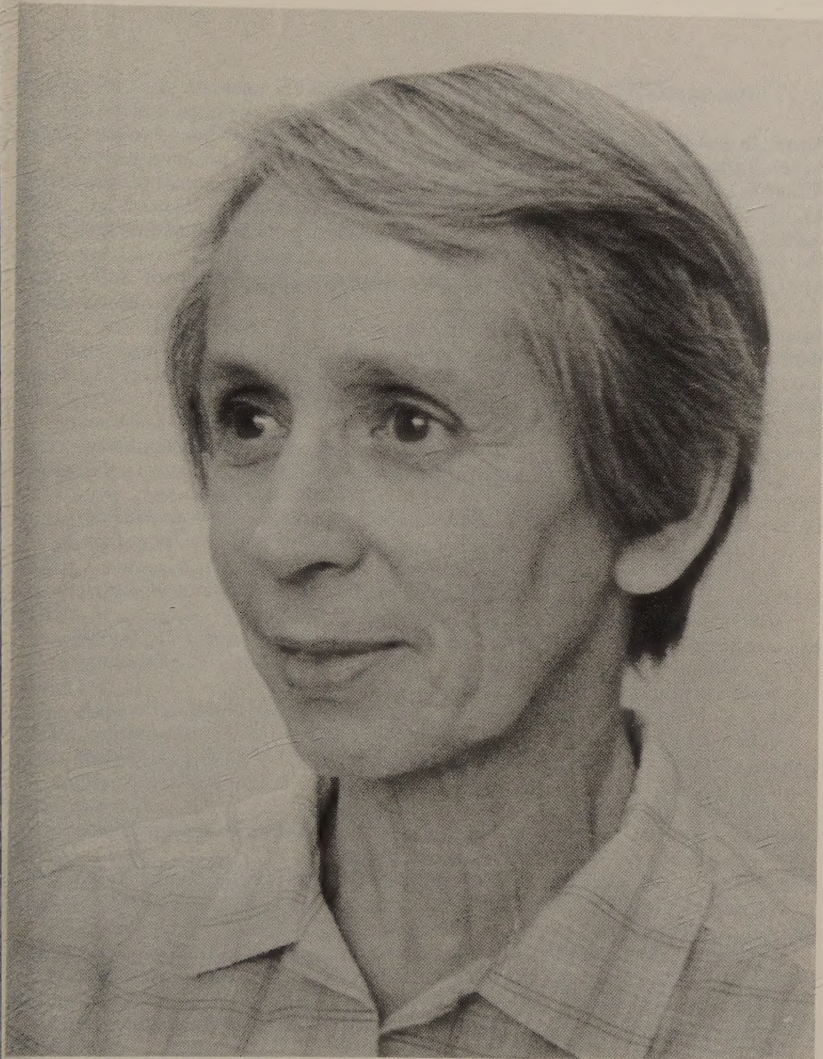
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enduring impact that Herbert and Irene have had is on the many students, colleagues, and friends who have taken their legendary ecology courses at the University of California, accompanied them on field trips in California, Costa Rica, and elsewhere, or attended the stimulating and pun-filled evening meetings at their home in the Berkeley hills. Their contagious enthusiasm, quick wit, and unlimited interest in sharing insights about plant ecology and evolutionary biology have served as a continual source of inspiration. In return, it is with fondest affection that we dedicate this volume of Madroño to them.

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